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## VICTORY WILL COME

OUR country is just beginning participation on an active scale in a war which will be long and costly. Victory is certain, if our citizens do their parts, but it will take time, effort, and sacrifice.

The advantage, at the start, is always with the militaristic aggressor, prepared to strike in advance, and willing to incur losses in large amounts to accomplish certain desired strategic results. So, it has always been.

The defensive, peace-inclined nation gets off to a slow start, suffers initial reverses, and pays in money and misfortune for their previous failure to prepare and be on guard against the gangster nation which attacks it. But, in case of large nations, with great resources like Britain and America, time works in their favor.

That was the pattern of World War One, and so far, of World War Two. Short wars, in either case, would be victorious for the militarists, long wars bring victory to the nation with staying power and great material resources, if it keeps its faith and courage, and steadfastly pursues its task, refusing to accept anything but victory.

## FIRST HEAVY TANK

AT last the United States has produced a heavy tank. In fact, a 60-ton land battleship was tested on Monday of last week. Previous to the production of this tank, U. S. production lines were turning out only small (18-ton) and medium (30-ton) tanks. Production of the new heavy tank will begin quantity production in about three or four months.

The test of this monster tank was very impressive. It climbed a 30-degree incline without any apparent loss of speed; it withstood land mines, a collision with an armored car, and leveled off three sets of heavy pilings.

This big tank is faster than the smaller tanks and is very streamline. The fact that this 60-ton job is welded together gives it additional resistance qualities. Another feature is that the wheels and caterpillar tread are shielded by a protective skirt.

Congratulations to the Baldwin Locomotive Works for their presentation of this tank to the Army of the United States.

## COTTON CLOTHES

THERE is ample cotton in the United States—textile mills in New England and the South are ready to manufacture it for our use, thus giving employment to many thousands. It is a splendid product of our farms and factories and we should wear it and use it more.

The example of Joan Bennett, the movie star, is interesting. She decided to make her entire wardrobe from cotton fabrics, and she succeeded, even beyond her own expectations. No more silk from Japan for her, and she has shown us all how we can advance this typical American product of cotton.

"I don't think I ever quite realized the many faces of cotton," Miss Bennett says. "Like many other women I thought that cotton was confined to gingham, pique, and calico, but I have found cotton as sheer as chiffon, velvety cottons, cotton with feeling of silk and cotton as spongy as wool."

As long as this country has its cotton farms and its textile mills, our ladies need not want for their clothing materials.

## FOOD IS DIFFERENT

FOOD is one of the ancient possessions of mankind, although the preparation of food is an art that has been highly developed in some sections of the world.

In Bay St. Louis, for example, one would expect to find that the preparation of food for the family table would be, in general, the same, but such is not the case. Rarely does one find two housewives who have the same ideas about the proper preparation of even the most simple dishes.

What is needed, apparently, is more scientific attention to the culinary art by the women of the county, who are in control of the family diet. This is not a study to be lightly cast aside, because science is finding new truths about various foods and their importance to the individual almost every day.

Santa Claus reports that he is getting urgent messages every day now.

Latest figures indicate no let-up in the deaths from traffic accidents. Americans can certainly take it.

This is about the time of the year that most of us begin to yearn for the good old summer time.

Bay St. Louis Merchants have a large and attractive stock of merchandise for Christmas shoppers.

Occasionally an automobile knocks a railroad train off the track, but the records still indicate that you might as well wait for the train to pass before driving over the tracks.

Many Christmas shoppers. For father, mother, son, daughter, sister, brother, cousin, aunt, uncle, and grandchild, give a subscription to the Echo. Let your own conscience be your guide. The number of years.

## EDUCATION SHOULD BE PROFITABLE

THE people of this country have been liberal in their attitude toward taxation intended to support the public school system. They have been convinced for years that money expended for education returns attractive dividends in later years. This long-continued faith on the part of taxpayers, however, can be lost if the schools fail to deliver the goods.

Such a conclusion may shock those citizens who are inclined to worship education as an end in itself. Intelligence, while desirable can, under some circumstances, be a curse to the individual. It should be the function of our schools not only to make students more intelligent but also to make certain the reasonable success of the person educated.

With this in mind, many of the schools of the country have inclined their courses of study toward practical development of the talents of the student. While there is room for the classics in our school system they no longer dominate the educational field as in years past. In their place are courses plainly designed to assist boys and girls toward an economic success in subsequent life.

The literary education of the individual is not to be denied but, just as important, it should not be regarded as a necessity for every student. High schools and colleges should not bind pupils to exacting standards, but, on the other hand, should more properly unbend to promote the development of the individual pupil to assist him or her to become a coordinating unit of society in all phases of human life.

This does not necessarily mean the scrapping of tested principles of education, although it implies efforts in "directions" not comprehended along classical or literary lines. Nor does it always follow that the school with the broadest curriculum is the institution meeting the new trends in education. Back of physical plants and technical arrangements, the successful training of students depends upon personnel to a degree that goes much farther than mere technical preparation to teach.

## AVOID WAR HYSTERIA

ACCORDING to history books, if one searches for detail, when the Spanish-American War broke out every seaport on the Atlantic Coast thought the Spanish fleet was just about to bombard it, and called for naval protection. Events showed the Spanish fleet hopelessly outclassed by the American warships.

In the First World War the submarine gave many people the jitters. Many German U-boats were sighted off the American coast, and while some actually came and sank some ships, there were not nearly as many as there were rumors and fears from time to time. Getting excited didn't help matters in the slightest.

The airplane will probably be the main subject of false alarms in this Second World War. Bombers will be reported and awaited in many places needlessly and without accurate basis. Not every plane flying in the sky is an "unidentified plane, probably hostile" on its way to bomb some American city.

While it is wise to be on the alert, to adopt every protective measure, we should seek to avoid war hysteria. We should not accept every rumored event which we read or hear about. Wait in confidence until the Government makes its official announcements as to what has actually happened.

A democratic government does not hide facts from its people. Witness the example of Prime Minister Churchill, who has repeatedly and promptly advised his people of military or naval disasters. President Roosevelt has promised that the same policy will be followed and news given out provided only it will not help the enemy. That's fair and desirable.

Everybody can help in this great struggle. Avoiding hysteria is only one way. Working hard at each accepted job is another. Buying Defense Bonds is another. Contributing to the Red Cross appeal is still another. Keep busy. Keep your faith. Help win the war.

## VOLUNTEERS FIGHT FIRE

IN many communities volunteer auxiliary fire fighting forces are being trained and established. That should be done now by every town in the nation.

These groups can serve two highly important purposes. First, they will be able to render assistance to the regular fire departments. In times such as the present, fire is a real disaster. We must keep our factory wheels turning for defense. We must preserve our materials and labor for defense. Shortages and priority restrictions make the replacement of burned homes and other buildings extremely difficult and, in some cases, absolutely impossible.

Second, these auxiliary fire fighting forces will be vitally needed if war from the air ever comes to this country. We all hope that won't happen, and at the present time no enemy is in a position to attack us. But times change fast, and the development of long-range bombers both here and abroad narrows the oceans and the continents. London was saved by volunteer fire wardens who had to learn their jobs under the most difficult conditions. History may yet tell what towns and cities in the New World were saved by fire fighters, no less than towns and cities in the Old.

There is a place in defense for everyone. And fire protection is one of the most vital of defense activities.

## MARRIED MEN LIVE LONGER

ACCORDING to a New York insurance firm, married men live longer. The single man is more likely to commit suicide, drink himself to death, or get killed in an accident.

But we are yet to hear from the guy who married as an insurance against death.

Bombers travelling 300 miles an hour would require 5 hours to attack Tokyo from the Philippines; 6 hours from Hong Kong; 10 hours from Singapore; 7 hours from Chungking; 11-12 hours from Vladivostok; and 9 hours from Dutch Harbor, N. S. air base at the Southeast tip of Alaska.

One mark of true greatness is the ability to make others. Can you?

## Hollywood Echoes

A filmman is waiting with curiosity and some anxiety, the outcome of the condemnation of Greta Garbo's newest picture, "Two-Faced Woman," by the Legion of Decency of the Catholic Church for "suggestiveness and a frivolous attitude toward marriage." The Hayes office, surprisingly, had passed the film, which probably is an example of what some have observed as a growing "laxity" of liberalization of the Hayes Office censorship.

Another picture which has not had smooth sailing is "Panama Hattie" based on the Broadway hit. Eighty per cent of the film will have to be made over. As it has already cost a million dollars, the retake is estimated at more than a half-million additional. Awful, isn't it?

Among the actresses who are complaining of physical incapacity or nervous strain because of overwork are Madeline Carroll, Binnie Barnes, Irene Dunn, Loretta Young and Joan Fontaine.

Lana Turner is to appear opposite Clark Gable in "Somewhere I'll Find You," in the role originally announced for Hedy La Marr.

Because defense preparations for forbidden movie cameras in Los Angeles harbor, Twentieth Century-Fox spent \$47,000 building a replica of that port for their movie, "Moon Tide."

Probably the two persons in Hollywood that gained more ground in Hollywood and in the hearts of movie fans during 1941 were Bob Hope and Rita Hayworth. They were recently selected as the most "photogenic" stars of 1941 by the news photographers.

In her role in "Tortilla Flat," Hedy Lamarr wears a short skirt, the total cost of which was \$975.

Joan Bennett, whose career in Hollywood has taken an excellent turn for the better, has recently signed a contract with Twentieth Century-Fox which calls for two films during 1942.

After a series of namby-pamby roles, Alan Jones, the Sorcerer (P.A.) lad with the excellent bass voice who was discovered working in a coal mine, will depict Private "Broadway Bill" Chandler, in Hollywood's most he-man film role of the season. Jones will talk back to the general, give his lieutenant blue-blazes, and ride herd over a top sergeant and his platoon of soldiers all in Paramount's "True to the Army."

Olivia de Havilland, a British subject, recently received her naturalization papers.

It doesn't seem so long ago that we saw Lillian Gish as the proud Union daughter in "The Birth of a Nation," Mary Pickford in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and Gloria Swanson as the vamp in "Male and Female." However, these actresses, all of whom are attempting comebacks, are in their mid-forties, or more, and will be seen as mature women rather than as we remember them. Time marches on, it seems.

Frank Capra's first picture under his new three-year contract with Twentieth Century-Fox is expected to be "The Flying Fortress," a fantasy by Eric Knight which was purchased from Frank Lloyd last May for \$44,000.

Judy Garland has been assigned to the starring role in Metro's version of the Broadway musical comedy success of 1933, "As Thousands Cheer." Although the studio has owned this property for some years, it has never been filmed. Red Skelton, the rising film comedian, will also be seen in this film.

## No Conference For Short Session State Legislature

Jackson, Dec. 18—A proposed conference of legislators seeking agreement on major issues to facilitate a short session has been postponed and probably will not be held, Governor Paul Johnson said today.

The governor added, however, that he would continue to receive legislators individually and to stress the advisability of a brief and harmonious meeting of the legislature next month.

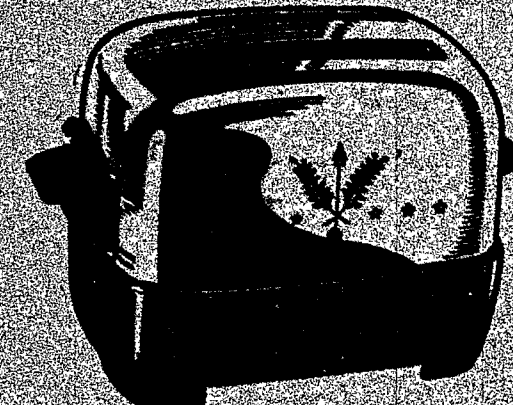
"We weren't able to get in touch with all the leaders who should have been at the meeting," the governor said. "Now with Christmas coming on, it's pretty hard to organize anything of the sort."

However, from all sides I hear that legislators are in favor of getting together at the session and finishing it quickly.

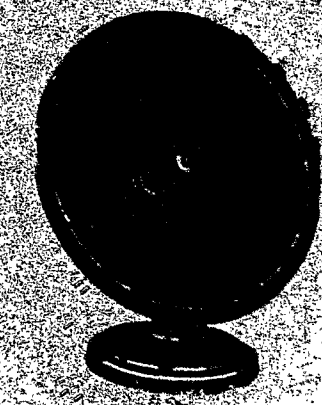
The governor this morning saw Rep. Joe T. Patterson of Calhoun county, acting chairman of the house ways and means committee for much of the last session, during the chairman's illness. Rep. J. O. Clark of Tishomingo county and Senator Earl S. Richardson of Philadelphia, chairman of the Senate recess fact-finding committee.

Admiral Byrd makes plan for fairness in employment.

## Service Gifts That fit the times!



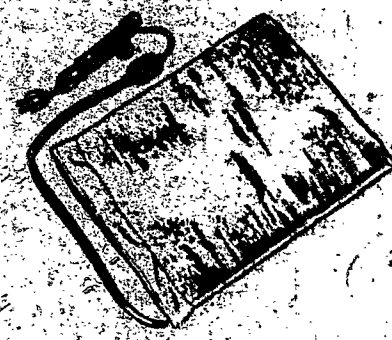
A Gift of Timed Toasting



A Gift of Warmth



A Gift of Golden Goodness



A Gift of Comfort



A Gift of Warmth



A Gift of Ready Neatness

Enduring gifts, gifts that conserve time, that conserve food and health value, that conserve nervous energy and are the most efficient of their kind—these are electrical gifts. For charm combined with practicability, for kindness and common sense, buy gifts that fit the times. Make it an Electrical Christmas.

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## History of Beginnings

### The Goose Hangs High

CENTURIES AGO, WHEN THE GEESE FLEW HIGH, PEOPLE BELIEVED IT TO BE A SIGN OF FAIR WEATHER AND SAID, "THE GOOSE HONKS HIGH." "HONKS" WAS CORRUPTED TO "HANGS" AND THE EXPRESSION CAME TO MEAN "EVERYTHING IS SATISFACTORY."

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MERCHANTS Bank & Trust Co.  
BAY SAINT LOUIS MISS.



## MOTORISTS WARNED TO EXAMINE LICENSES

Autolists of Harrison county today were instructed to examine their driving licenses with regard to expiration dates. Highway patrolmen Marshall Lumpkin declared a large number of driving permits in the county will expire during December. "Persons whose licenses expire during December must apply for renewal before the first of the year," Lumpkin said.

Renewals are obtained at the office of Sheriff R. C. Edwins, in this county, as patrolmen issue only new licenses, it was said.

This applies to other counties as well, as it is compulsory that drivers' licenses be kept up to date at all times.

Bob Hope and Victor Moore are to be co-starred by Paramount in "Ready Money"—the James Montgomery force about a young man who becomes a financier by mistake.



Mid-Week Prayer Service every Wednesday evening, 7:30 P. M.



